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Newsletter

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On behalf of the ORICL Research Team, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support of the ORICL Research Project.



Our Child Summary reports are now ready to go!

We are really excited to announce that the latest feature in the ORICL tool – generating a Child Summary – is now up and running 😊

Generate and save or print summaries for each child by one or more category of the **Domains** (Identity, Emotional wellbeing, Constructing knowledge, etc.) and **Aspects** (child related items, peer related items, educator related items). There is also a summary that links the **EYLF V2.0** to the ORICL items: Learning outcomes are linked to child and peer related items, and Principles and Practices are associated with the Educator items.

If you have entered observations, planning ideas, or evaluations, they will all be included in the summary. Great for reflection, setting personal or child goals, and of course, great for Assessment & Ratings visits!

For a step-by-step guide (with screenshots) on how to generate summaries, have a look at Section 7 of our updated ORICL User Guide V2.0 (find this in the 'Resources' when logged in to your ORICL account). Need more help? Contact your allocated ORICL Team Support person.



Expressed interest in joining the project but never got around to signing up?

We will be accepting new services and educators in 2025, so it isn't too late to join the ORICL Project. Let us know if you need Consent & Registration links sent or re-sent, or if you need any support registering using our stream-lined process.



Did you know?

ORICL tips & tricks

- **To see how much of the ORICL tool you have completed** for each child, click on the [Question index](#) tab from any page of the tool: Scroll down, and click on [End of the ORICL tool](#). This will show the percentage completed **BUT** note that it is not a true percentage as it includes the child demographics questions! If you have completed everything it will say 121% complete! Of course, you can still look at the red 'ticks' that indicate a completed page from the [Navigation and Summary](#) button from any page of the tool.
- **On the End of the ORICL tool page you will also see a Submit button** – You *do not* need to Submit each time you use the tool to save what you have entered: Only use this button when you have completed the whole tool, or don't intend to return to it! Although the tool automatically saves as you go, we recommend clicking on [Save ORICL](#) each time you have finished your session for each child. Even after you submit, you can return to add observations and ratings! Find out more in the **updated User Guide V2.0**.

More ORICL tips & tricks

- **Self-reflection not your strong point?** Download a [Child Summary](#) selecting [Aspects](#), and then [Educator related items](#). This will provide a report on how you have responded to the questions/items that relate to you, the educator. Also quite handy as evidence when it's time for your Assessment & Ratings visit!
- **Are you using the examples provided in each question/item to guide your understanding and response?** One of our educators reported: *"The wording helped me think about them [the questions] in a more specific way because the wording was specific."*



Have a problem or what you think is a silly question?

Please contact your allocated ORICL Team Support person: No question is silly (particularly when it comes to IT!), and let's face it, that's our job! Please help to keep us employed 😊

Want to 'up the ante' with your professionalism?

Use the wording from ORICL tool questions/items to add professionalism to your Story Park (or other) family apps. Need help with this? Contact your ORICL Team Support person.



Do you have children or educators changing rooms at the end of this year?

Not a problem: Let your allocated ORICL Team Support person know and we can re-allocate children to a new or existing registered educator.

Quotes from educators after using the ORICL tool:

"I think about things I usually wouldn't when I go through the tool."

"It's a great developmental summary tool, but I also think it's really good for reflections because it does have a lot about us and how we're responding to the child in it, so it's great for overall reflections on ourselves as well as reflecting on how our goals for children are going."

"The tool has actually helped me come to the conclusion on activities and how to extend activities. It's obviously given me the knowledge that this is what I need to do!"

"I have enjoyed using it [the tool] and it's been great – I've always used the EYLF in my planning and I think it would be great for those educators that struggle with linking the EYLF to their observations."

When you have completed the ORICL tool for a child, don't forget to hit **Submit** on the final page.

We will then send you a link to the 'Response to ORICL' survey to give you the opportunity to tell us about your experience using the tool – good or bad! Please complete this so we can continue to improve the tool and ultimately make it *freely* available to everyone.

The most frequently asked question

Do I have to put a comment in for every question? No, you use the tool in whatever way it works best for you, but remember, what you put in is what you will get out in the Child Summary!

Wishing all our ORICL Project participants and Early Childhood colleagues a very happy and safe holiday season.



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